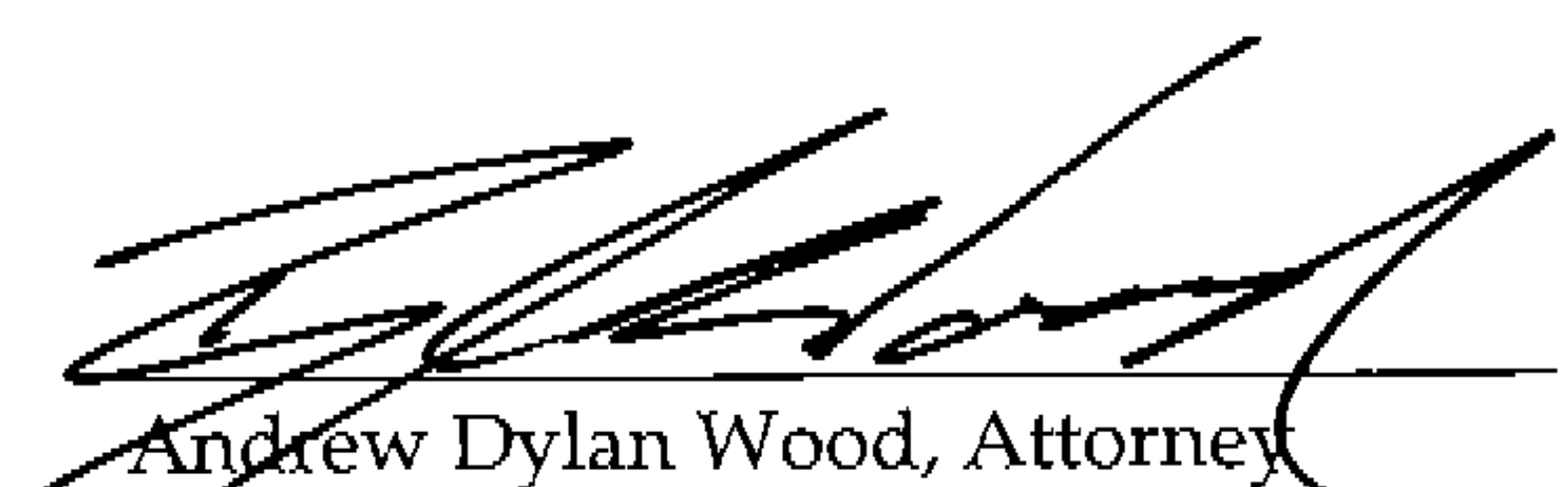


United States Bankruptcy Court SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION	PROOF OF CLAIM	
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Name of Creditor: LAMAR CONSOLIDATED ISD Name/ Address Where Notices Should be Sent: Andrew Dylan Wood Ray, Wood, Fine & Fine, L.L.P. P. O. Box 165001 Austin, Texas 78716 Telephone No.: (512) 328-8877 Fax No.: (512) 328-1156	<div style="float: right; text-align: right; font-size: small;"> United States District Court Southern District of Texas Filed JUL 11 2000 Michael N. Milby, Clerk </div> <div style="clear: both;"></div> - Check if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. - Check if you have never received any Notices from the bankruptcy court in this case. - Check if the address differs from the Address on the envelope sent to you by the court.	
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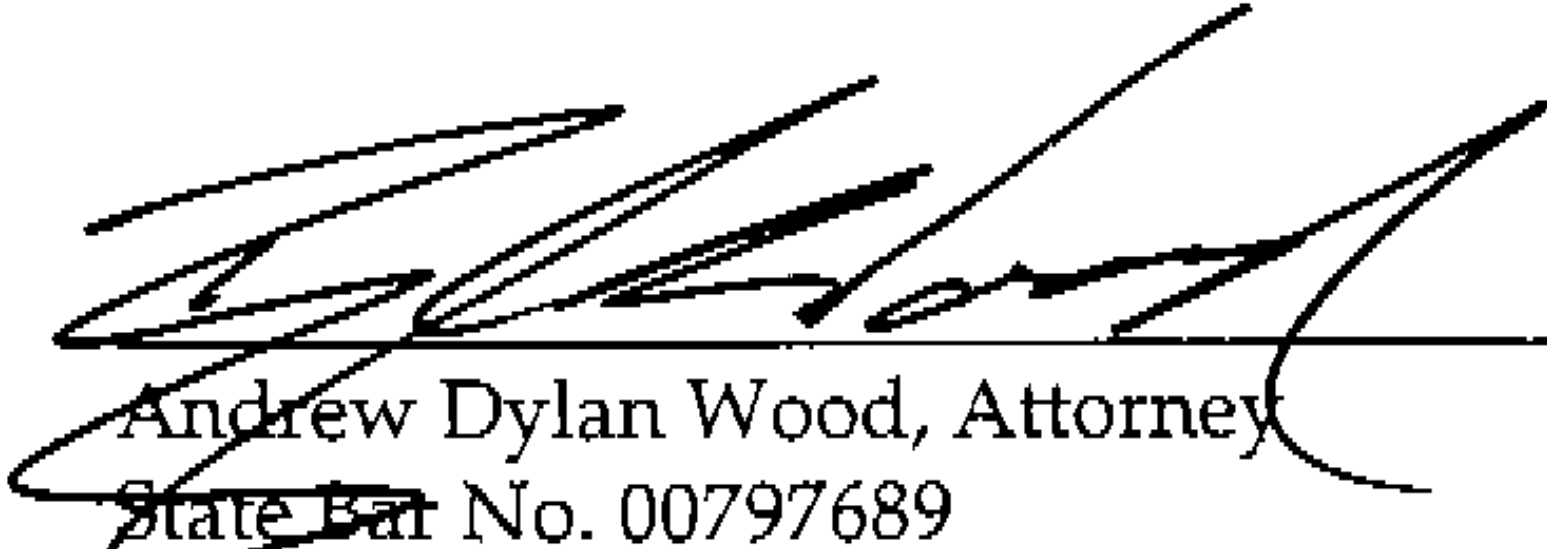
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HOUSTON, TX 77025-1119

LOCATION:

LEGAL: PERSONAL PROPERTY INV, FURN
& FIX LOCATED AT STORE #65
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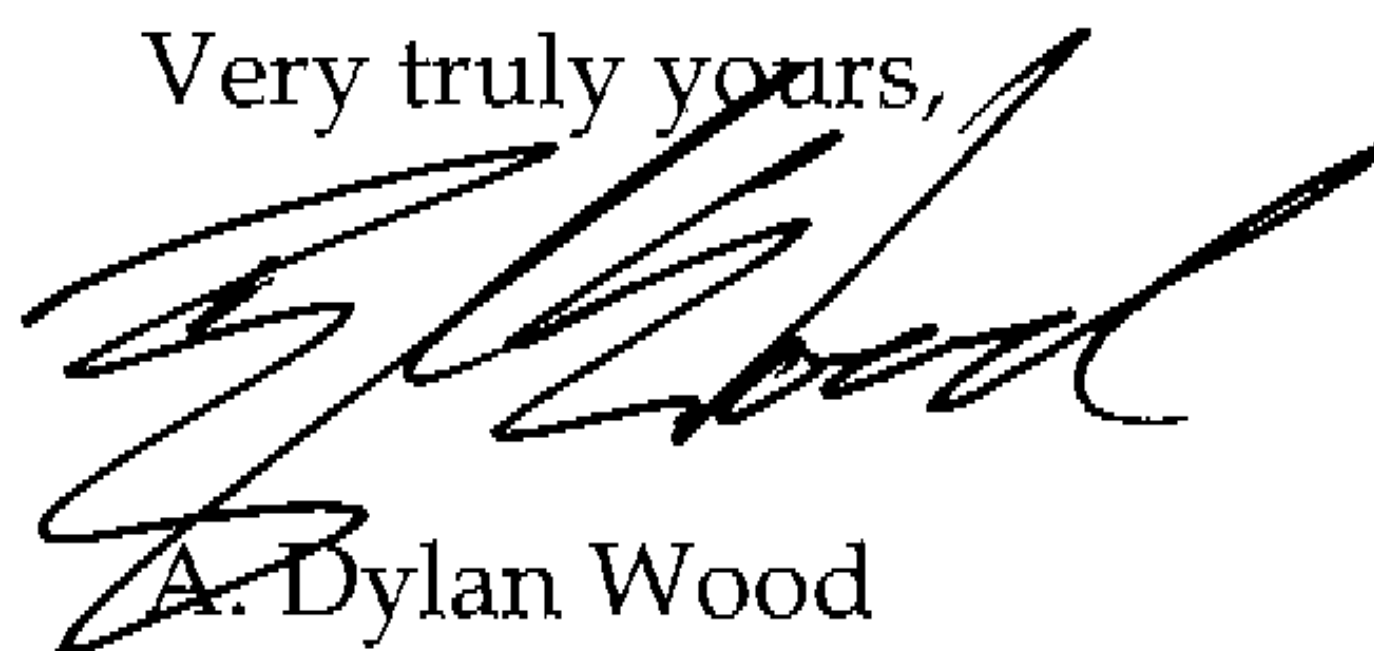
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter, in duplicate, is the Proof of Claim and Notice of Appearance and Request for Notice for Lamar Consolidated Independent School District. Please filemark the enclosed copies and return to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Please contact me if you have any questions in this matter.

Very truly yours,



A. Dylan Wood

ADW:fp
Enclosures

cc: Fort Bend County Tax Office

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